
The Circumcision and Name of Jesus – 1st Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

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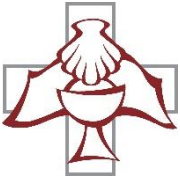
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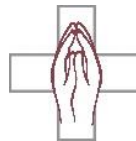
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Welcome to all our Guests and Visitors worshipping with us today! Whoever you are and from

whatever walk of life you come -- we welcome you in Jesus' name. May you find in Him, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do come again! If you have no Church home, we invite you to join our fellowship. The Pastor will be pleased to discuss membership with you. **Please take a moment to introduce yourself and to sign our guest register in the narthex** (please include full mailing address or email address). May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We would be pleased to have you return again!



Remember in your prayers:

- all who are sick, hospitalized, or shut in, especially all members of our church family, including: Grace Bowley, Doreen Doering, Bernice Edel, Wilma Kroll, Marie Mohr, Annie Nernberg, Ruth Zimmer;
- all affected by the coronavirus, including all who are unemployed or under-employed, that we not lose trust in our gracious heavenly Father and that He would bring an end to the pandemic according to His good

and gracious will;

- all health care workers;
- all who are dealing with various health issues;
- all who are experiencing and feeling the absence of loved ones this Christmas season, that the Prince of Peace may comfort all with the hope of life with Him;
- our organists as they serve God's people especially during the Christmas season;
- to give thanks to God for the grace He has bestowed on us in the past year and promises to give us in Christ (forgiveness, life and salvation through Word and Sacrament) in this new year;
- the people of Ukraine, that peace be restored;
- our organists as they serve God's people;
- the leaders of our congregations and parish;
- the pastor of our parish and all pastors of the synod;
- our neighbours and friends – that they might respond favourably to our invitation to come meet Jesus in our midst.



Holy Communion is celebrated today.

The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself. Jesus Christ is present in the sacrament by His Word and we receive His gifts through faith for the assurance of the forgiveness of our sins and for strength to live new life in Him.

Our practice of closed communion is the historic practice of the church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it acknowledges God's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity is central to the common reception of this sacrament.

For this reason, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor before the service.

Please mark the registration sheet for communion and worship attendance in the narthex. In the interim the use of communion registration cards will be suspended and have been removed from the pews. Those who are not yet confirmed are welcome to come to receive a blessing, but are asked to keep their hands folded.

Thank you to all who have remembered us with cards and/or gifts this Christmas. Thank you also to the parish for the most generous gift. - Pastor Barry & Yvonne and Caitlin

Today is **Food Bank Sunday** and **LWMLC Mite Box Sunday** at St. Matthew's.

Mug Pal Calendar correction: January 15th is the St. Matthew's Mug Pal Exchange. *The calendar mistakenly says "lunch" – there will be no lunch.* The exchange will take place at the front of the sanctuary. This mug will be the only gift that would be exchanged during the whole year. The mug can be new, or something out of your cupboard or one that has a special meaning to you. Do not wrap your mug. The mugs will be put in matching bags and you will each choose a bag to identify your new prayer pal.

Please put a sheet in your mug containing your name, address and phone number, as well as your birthday, anniversary or other special occasion and a Bible verse that has a special meaning to you.

Besides praying for your new mug pal, please acknowledge her special occasions with either a card or phone call.

Bible Class on *Revelation* begins Wednesday January 11th hosted at St. Matthew's at 7:30 P.M.

What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God? Hear Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler's message entitled "Gifted" based on Colossians 1:16 next Sunday on The Lutheran Hour on 620/am at 7:30 AM or 940/am at 9:00 AM or 1250/am at 10:30 AM (MB time) or 810/am at 12:30 PM (MB time) or Streaming audio and pod-casts at www.lutheranhour.ca.



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This Week in the Grace - St. Matthew's Parish:

Today	The Circumcision and Name of Jesus – New Year's Day	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
Friday	Epiphany	
Saturday	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Landestreu	7:00 P.M.
Next Sunday	First Sunday after Epiphany – The Baptism of our Lord	
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at Grace	9:30 A.M.
	- Sunday School at Grace	10:30 A.M.
	- Divine Service (with Holy Communion) at St. Matthew's and live-streamed	11:30 A.M.
	- Pastor Wood leading Divine Service at Langenburg	3:00 P.M.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS FORMULA OF CONCORD, SOLID DECLARATION ARTICLE III, THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF FAITH

We trust that for the sake of His obedience alone we have the forgiveness of sins by grace, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and are eternally saved. It is the same thing when Paul says “by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous” (Rom. 5:19) or “so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men” (Rom. 5:18). Faith justifies because it lays hold of and accepts Christ’s merit in the promise of the Holy Gospel. For this merit must become ours through faith. Therefore, the righteousness that is credited to faith or to the believer out of pure grace is Christ’s obedience, suffering, and resurrection, since He has made satisfaction for us to the Law and paid for our sins. Christ is not man alone, but God and man in one undivided person. Therefore, He was hardly subject to the Law (because He is the Lord of the Law), just as He didn’t have to suffer and die for His own sake. For this reason, then, His obedience (not only in His suffering and dying, but also because He was voluntarily made under the Law in our place and fulfilled the Law by this obedience) is credited to us for righteousness. Because of this complete obedience, which He rendered to His heavenly Father for us by doing and suffering and in living and dying, God forgives our sins. He regards us as godly and righteous, and He eternally saves us. (paragraphs 11-15)

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Life Quotes

“[Jesus] will care for you until you stand before His throne. Trust Him. Seek Him. Serve Him. Love Him. He’s your King. He suffered and died for you. He rose for you. He only has words of love and promise to speak to you. So, when all is equal for you on your deathbed, you can rejoice and say, ‘Come quickly, my King,’ because He has given you the promise, ‘You will be with me in paradise.’”

Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

A “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.



About the Cover: We all have names. Some of us may like our name, others may not, but all our names have meaning. The name of Jesus is especially meaningful to us who believe in Him. He is our salvation. “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth” (Philippians 2:10). Jesus’ name holds so many meanings, but most important, it means that God loves us and sent His Son to save us.



St. Matthew's

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Zorra, Saskatchewan



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THE CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS
1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
*PROCLAIMING CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED,
RISEN, ASCENDED, AND RETURNING*

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Roblin, MB
Divine Service – 11:30 A.M.

March 12, 2023 – November 5, 2023: Divine Service 9:30 A.M. (MB)

Grace Lutheran Church, Zorra, SK
Divine Service – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

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